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Re: Griggs and Walnut Ground Water Plume Site, Las Cruces, NM Remedial Action

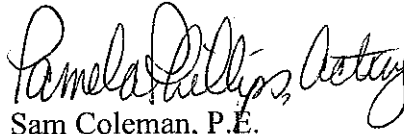
Dear Dr. Garcia and Mr. Fridenstine:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator, Dr. Al Armendariz and myself, I would first like to express to you my appreciation for your hospitality during our visit on March 31, 2011. We enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your concerns related to the Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) and other site related matters. This letter also serves as a response to the April 11, 2011, letter I received from you electronically regarding the Griggs and Walnut Ground Water Plume Site ("the Site") and the UAO.

The UAO was originally signed and mailed to the City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County on February 14, 2011, and addressed the Remedial Action related to the remedy construction. We have considered your comments and concerns received electronically on April 11, 2011, in this recent revision. In response to subsequent communication between you and my staff, and the visit to Las Cruces on May 2 and 3, 2011, the UAO and Statement of Work have been revised and are enclosed with this letter. I appreciate the information you shared with my staff.

Our path forward includes bringing all parties together to negotiate the Consent Decree to resolve our respective claims. Should you have any additional comments or concerns, please contact me at (214) 665-6701.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam Coleman", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sam Coleman, P.E.
Director
Superfund Division

Enclosures (2)

cc: Secretary F. David Martin
New Mexico Environment Department